

## Warden Message

October 6, 2009

Dear Warden and/or Registrant:

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or resident in the Quito area that New York Voters from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District should submit their Ballot Request now for the November 3, 2009 Special Election. On Tuesday, November 3, 2009 New York will hold a special State election to fill the congressional vacancy left by the appointment of Army Secretary John McHugh. A list of candidates will be available after October 14, 2009 at <http://www.elections.state.ny.us>. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District includes the following counties: Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, Hamilton, Lewis, Madison, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and parts of Essex, Fulton and Oneida Counties. Look up your voter registration and find your polling place <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx>

### Request Your Ballot

If you do not have an absentee ballot request on file, you need to fill one out as soon as possible. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) ballot application and instructions are available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). If you are eligible to vote in this election, and requested and received a ballot for last year's presidential election, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot. You can check your registration status at <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx>. **Your absentee ballot application needs to be postmarked by October 27, 2009.**

### Receive and Return Your Ballot

Ballots will not be available until at the earliest **October 14, 2009**. If a list of candidates has been certified by this date, local election officials will begin mailing ballots beginning **October 14, 2009**.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than the day before **Election Day (11/2/09)** and are due back to your local election official by **November 16, 2009**.

**NOTE:** Because there are only 32 days for your ballot to reach you and for you to vote it, we are highly recommending that you use the Federal Write in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) once a list of candidates is made available. You can find an online version of the FWAB and New York instructions on how to fill out and submit the form are available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**For More Information:** Go to the New York State Board of Election website at <http://www.elections.state.ny.us/> or visit FVAP at: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

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Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration website](#), and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local

warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 398 5000 X3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. American Citizen walk-in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.